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I hereby certify that the Transmittal Letter and Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages) (in triplicate); PTOL-85B Issue Fee Transmittal; Check No. 135931 in the amount of \$1,675.00; and postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 3, 2004.

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## PATENT APPLICATION

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### TRANSMITTAL OF ISSUE FEE PAYMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated February 18, 2004, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application:

X Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85B) submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

X A Supplemental Declaration executed by the inventor(s) is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67.

X A Certificate of Deposit Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 is enclosed.

— Pursuant to the request for submission of formal drawings, enclosed are the following:

— A Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

— A set of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of formal drawings to replace the corresponding drawings originally filed with the subject application.

— A duplicate set of the \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of formal drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

X Check No. 135931 for \$1,675.00 is enclosed to cover:

X The \$1,330.00 government issue fee pursuant to 37-C.F.R. § 1.18.

X The \$300.00 government publication fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.(d).

X The \$45.00 fee for fifteen (15) copies of the patent when issued.

X The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

#### Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

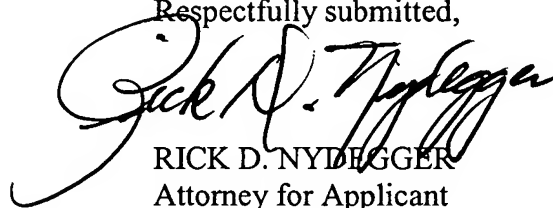
Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention as set forth in each of the independent claims and the dependent claims must be read as a whole, and not as a single feature or subcombination of features which represent less than the entirety of the claimed invention as a whole. While a particular feature or subcombination of features referred to by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may represent a basis for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art, Applicants further submit that this may not necessarily be the *sole* ground for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Examiner's statement should, in Applicants'

view, not be read as constituting or meaning that the invention can or should be reduced to a single "feature" of the invention or to a subcombination of features that is less than the entire invention claimed as a whole, nor that the single feature referenced by the Examiner or subcombination of features referenced by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is the only or sole grounds for distinguishing the invention over the prior art of record.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick D. Nydegger", is written over the typed name and title.

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